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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF BRADY TYSON STATEMENT AS IT
APPEARS IN THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION DOCUMENT R/CN.4/SR.1420:

QUOTE

1. MR. TYSON (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION,
ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WOULD CO-SPONSOR
THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SHORTLY TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE SWEDISH
REPRESENTATIVE (E/CN.4/L.1355).

2. IT WOULD BE PART OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY HENCEFORTH TO
PROMOTE MEASURES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS EVERY-
WHERE. IT WOULD NOT SUFFICE SIMPLY TO CATALOGUE INSTANCES OF
VIOLATIONS AND EXPRESS INDIGNATION; IT WAS TIME TO RECOGNIZE PRI-
ORITIES. THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP'S REPORT EMPHASIZED CASES OF
POLITICAL ASSASSINATION, MISSING PERSONS AND TORTURE - POINTS UPON
WHICH HIS DELEGATION FELT THE COMMISSION SHOULD FOCUS ITS EFFORTS,
SINCE THEY REPRESENTED THE AREAS IN WHICH UNANIMOUS AND FRUITFUL
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ACTION WAS MOST LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED.

3. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH COMMON PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF
SINGLING OUT CERTAIN NATIONS; NO GOVERNMENT HAD UNBLEMISHED RECORDS,
AND ALL GOVERNMENTS DESIRED BASICALLY TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE TYPE REPORTED WERE THE MORE

SERIOUS IN THAT THEY WERE OFTEN PRACTISED BY SEMI-AUTONOMOUS POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS; THE EVIL LAY NOT ONLY IN THE CRUEL AND DEGRADING TREATMENT INFLICTED ON THE DIRECT VICTIMS AND THE DEHUMANIZATION OF THE TORTURERS, BUT IN THE INTIMIDATION, AND THE RESULTANT SILENCE OR RELUCTANCE TO PROTEST, IMPOSED ON THE COMMUNITY CONCERNED. HIS DELEGATION DREW ATTENTION TO THOSE GENERAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT FELT THEY WERE LINKED TO THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN CHILE.

5. HIS DELEGATION PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED THE ROLE THAT SOME UNITED STATES AGENCIES, OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE GROUPS HAD PLAYED IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE PREVIOUS CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN THE COUP D'ETAT OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1973. ALTHOUGH EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET COULD NOT MAKE RETRIBUTION, THE MAJORITY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED IN FREEDOM AND THE UPHOLDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HAD REJECTED IN FREE ELECTIONS THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH SUBVERSIVE PRACTICES. THE CHILEAN PEOPLE COULD BE SURE THAT THEY HAD NEVER BEEN WITHOUT FRIENDS AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN GENERAL, THE DIFFICULTIES FACED AS A RESULT OF THE VIET-NAM CAMPAIGN AND THE WATERGATE AFFAIR HAD LEFT THE UNITED STATES DETERMINED AND COMMITTED TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WAS DOUBTFUL, OF COURSE, WHETHER UNITED STATES SOURCES HAD BEEN THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE CHILEAN COUP D'ETAT. THE ENTIRE CIRCUMSTANCES ILLUSTRATED A TYPE OF SITUATION FOR WHICH HIS DELEGATION INVITED THE CONTINUED SCRUTINY AND CRITICISM OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SHORTLY TO BE SUBMITTED, LIKE THE REPORT TO WHICH IT REFERRED, WAS IN HIS DELEGATION'S VIEW PRUDENT, CAUTIOUS AND FAIR. AMONG THE MANY POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORT, HIS DELEGATION NOTED THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DRAWING THE SITUATION IN CHILE TO THE ATTENTION OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN SEEKING OUT INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONS. HIS DELEGATION WAS SATISFIED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAD CO-OPERATED IN MANY WAYS AND IT HOPED THAT THE LATTER WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS MADE WAS A PROPER CONCERN OF THE COMMISSION. HIS DELEGATION WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE STILL ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS, TORTURE, POSSIBLE CONCENTRATION CAMPS, ATTACKS ON CHILEANS IN EXILE AND THE CONTINUED STATE OF SIEGE IN CHILE.

7. UNFORTUNATELY THE ALLEGED SITUATION WAS NOT CONFINED TO THAT COUNTRY; HIS DELEGATION WAS DISTURBED AT REPORTS OF SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS SUGGESTED POSSIBLE SECRET COLLABORATION AMONG THE POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE GROUPS ACROSS FRONTIERS, NOT NECESSARILY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OR SANCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. HIS DELEGA-

TION FELT THAT SUCH MANIFESTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED BY THE COMMISSION; IN REFERRING TO THEM, HOWEVER, ITS PURPOSE WAS MERELY TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM AND NOT TO CONDEMN ANY GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT HAD DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO EXPRESS THE UNITED STATES PEOPLE'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND HAD SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS ON OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. HIS DELEGATION FELT IT OPPORTUNE TO MENTION OTHER COUNTRIES IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WERE KNOWN TO EXIST.

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8. FIRSTLY, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT PERSISTENT ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE, MISSING PERSONS, POLITICAL ASSINATIONS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN URUGUAY. HIS DELEGATION FELT THAT COUNTRY WAS TOO STRONG IN ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITION TO BE UNABLE TO MOVE AGAIN SOON TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

9. SECONDLY, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HAD REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, WHICH SEEMED EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT IN CHILE OR URUGUAY. FOR EXAMPLE, A MR. LPEZ AND A DR. GOIBURU APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED IN ARGENTINA; THE FORMER WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE LATTER WAS A PARAGUAYAN POLITICAL EXILE. IT MIGHT BE THAT RIGHT-WING OR LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS, OR OTHER ENTITIES, WERE COMMITTING ACTS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT SANCTION; AS A UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN HAD RECENTLY OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS FEATURE OF THE SITUATION WAS THAT THE

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD PUBLISHED NO LIST OF MISSING PERSONS.

10. THIRDLY, PERSISTENT REPORTS OF TORTURE, IF FOR POLITICAL REASONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN BRAZIL HAD BEEN CAUSING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONCERN FOR SOME YEARS. DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, FOR EXAMPLE, TWO PRIESTS HAD BEEN KILLED, ALLEGEDLY BY POLICE, AND TWO BISHOPS HAVE BEEN ARBITRARILY DETAINED FOR A SHORT TIME AND ILL-TREATED; THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF THE ARBITRARY KILLING AND TORTURE OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVISTS.

11. IN CONCLUSION, HIS DELEGATION STRESSED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD LOOK AT PROBLEMS AND NOT COUNTRIES. IT HOPED THAT THE COMMISSION, AT ITS NEXT SESSION, COULD ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECTS HE HAD MENTIONED, REGARDLESS OF THE REGIONS CONCERNED. THE UNITED STATES DREW STRENGTH FROM CRITICISM AND HOPED TO MAKE POSITIVE USE OF ITS PAST PROBLEMS IN SEEKING A GOAL COMMON TO THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES, LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. UNQUOTE. SORENSON

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